

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 20 of page 4 and ending at line 22 of page 4 as follows:

FIGURE 6 is a cross-sectional view of the step assembly shown in FIGURE 1 mounted to a vehicle and taken along line ~~XX~~ 7-7 of FIGURE ~~5~~, such step assembly shown in a raised position;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 24 of page 4 and ending at line 2 of page 5 as follows:

FIGURE 7 is a cross-sectional view of the step assembly mounted to a vehicle and taken along line 7-7 of FIGURE 5a, such step assembly shown in a lowered position, and such step assembly shown in phantom line in a raised position;

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